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SUBJ: LOCUST OUTBREAK MALI/MAURITANIA FRONTIER

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1. VISITED MAURITANIAN FIRST REGION CAPITAL NEMA SEPTEMBER 19 FOR REVIEW GRAIN AIRLIFT OPS WITH NEMA GOVERNOR AND JTF COMMANDER. ALSO TOOK OPPORTUNITY DISCUSS WITH GOVERNOR RECENT LOCUST OUTBREAK. GOVERNOR STATED OUTBREAK INDEED SERIOUS AND WAS WORSENING. HE FEARS THAT UNLESS INSECTICIDES ARRIVE WITHIN NEXT TWO WEEKS, LOCUST INFESTATION ILL SPREAD AND BECOME EVEN MORE SEVERE NEXT GROWING SEASON. GOVERNOR WAS OBVIOUSLY DISCOURAGED BY INABILITY GIRM AGRICULTURAL OFFICERS COPE EFFECTIVELY WITH OUTBREAK. HE SAID PRACTICALLY NO INSECTICIDES WERE ON HAND IN FIRST REGION. WITH SEED FOR RAINY SEASON PLANTINGS IN SHORT SUPPLY, GOVERNOR FEARED THAT LOCUST OUTBREAK WOULD SEVERELY DAMAGE MODEST HARVEST ENVISAGED FOR

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THIS YEAR IN FIRST REGION.

2. COMMENT: THOUGH WE HAVE NO EXPERT CONFIRMATION, IT SEEMS OBVIOUS THAT LOCUST OUTBREAK IS NOT--AS PREVIOUSLY REPORTED-- CONFINED TO FIRST, SECOND AND THIRD MAURITANIAN REGIONS, AND TO SOUTH WESTERN MALI. OVER PAST WEEK, FOR EXAMPLE, LOCUSTS HAVE APPEARED IN STRENGTH IN NOUAKCHOTT AND ADJOINING SIXTH REGION, AND ARE PRESENTLY EATING THEIR WAY ACROSS EMBASSY COMPOUND. MISSION WILL ATTEMPT FOLLOW-UP SURVEYS ON LOCUST SITUATION FOLLOWING RETURN ACTING AADO, WHO PRESENTLY ON SICK LEAVE IN DAKAR. SHURTLEFF

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